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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.
(A) 06-189173 (HITACHI LTD), published July 8, 1994.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.
(A) 11-164176 (KYOCERA CORP), published June 18, 1999;
and
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.
(A) 06-006654 (KONICA CORP), published January 14,
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